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Docket No. H 3463 PCT/US

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

RE: PCT/EP99/07244  
International Filing Date: September 30, 1999  
Priority Date Claimed: October 9, 1998  
Applicant: Scholl et al.  
Title: METHOD FOR MONITORING A TWO-DIMENSIONAL OR  
THREE-DIMENSIONAL DISTRIBUTION PROCESS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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ATTN: DO/EO/US

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments in the application, after the application has been accorded a serial number and before the filing fee is calculated.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please enter retyped pages 1, 4, 5 and 5a in the application. The changes entered at page 5 required that the extra page be added. A copy of the pages before retyping is attached with the changes shown in handwriting.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-19 without prejudice and enter new claims 20-39 in the application.

20. A process for monitoring the distribution of structures on a surface or of particles in space, which comprises
- (a) producing an at least one two-dimensional image of the distribution, optically or electronically breaking the image down into pixels, measuring the